

## Suicide Of 4th Bonn Official Revealed; Spy Hunt Pressed

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Bonn, Oct. 22 — The fourth suicide of a West German official this month was announced here today.

Hans Heinrich Schenk, 40, a career civil servant in the Economics Ministry's foreign trade and development aid department, killed himself in his home during the night of October 14, but police officials refused to say how.

A ministry spokesman said Mr. Schenk had been "very ill" from depression. The death, it was added, was unrelated to the three other suicides and had no political motives whatsoever. That however, is what Government spokesmen first said about the others.

### Wendland's Suicide

The first top-ranking official to kill himself was Gen. Horst Wendland, the 56-year-old deputy chief of the West German intelligence service, who shot himself to death in his Munich office October 8.

On the same day Rear Adm. Herman Luedke, the 57-year-old former deputy head of NATO logistics at the Atlantic alliance command headquarters, shot and killed himself during a hunting trip in the Eifel Mountains just west of here.

October 18 Lt. Col. Johannes Grimm, a 54-year-old Defense Ministry staff member shot himself through the head in his Bonn office.

The West German Federal prosecutor today confirmed reports that Admiral Luedke may have spied for the Communists.

"It cannot be excluded that Admiral Luedke worked for a foreign intelligence service and betrayed military secrets," the prosecutor stated. He added, though, that thus far no connection has been established between the Luedke case and the Wendland and Grimm suicides.

The investigation into Admiral Luedke's activities commenced

after a Bonn photographic store employee spotted pictures of NATO documents marked secret among snapshots of women and automobiles which the Admiral had sent in to be developed.

At the news conference today the prosecutor also disclosed that an electronics engineer at the Karlsruhe Nuclear Research Center had been arrested last month on suspicion of being an East German spy.

The man, Harald Gottfried, 33, entered West Germany as a refugee in 1955. During a search of his home a few weeks ago police found various espionage equipment, including radio codes and more than 800 photographs taken in the research center.

### Warrants Issued

The prosecutor announced in addition that two more arrest warrants have been issued in connection with the affair and that another suspect is being questioned about last year's theft of a Sidewinder air-to-air missile which was stolen from an Air Force base in southern Germany.

A few weeks ago the NATO command fired a high-ranking Turkish official assigned to the alliance's Belgium headquarters after he had been arrested for "a serious breach of security."

The man, whose name was withheld, was flown back to Turkey after being questioned about his activities. On September 12, he was caught photographing secret documents in his office inside the NATO headquarters security area.

The man was among the ten highest officials on the NATO secretariat staff and had access to details of all alliance financial affairs and expenditures as well as to other classified information.